



860416
13041083 (723)
Department of State

TELEGRAM

DECLASSIFIED

ACTION: POL-2
INFO: VAE ADM POL
AID/D CAC CHRON ECON

SECRET

TEHRAN 5241

Classification

JULY 26, 1973

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
RECEIVED
12/8/89

R 262457Z JUL 73 ZDK
FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 3223
RUEKJCS/SETRTDVASHDC
RUQVLK/AMEMBASSY KAPUL 2294
INFO RUSNAAA/UTAWPCEUR VAIHINGEN GER
TPACKAMEMBASSY MOSCOW 561
RUQVGM/AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD 1627
RUEFHQA/CSAF WASODC
BT
SECRET TEHRAN 5241

E99. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MCAF, AF, IR
DTJECT: SOVIET ARMS FOR AFGHANISTAN

REF: TEHRAN 4916

JUST PRIOR DEPARTURE FOR US, SHAH ASKED GENERAL TOUFANIAN FOR STUDY OF AIR DEFENSES ALONG IRAN'S EASTERN BORDER. STUDY, WHICH SHOULD BE READY ON SHAH'S RETURN JULY 29, IS TO INCLUDE EVALUATION OF IRAN'S RADAR CAPABILITY FROM MASHAD TO GULF AND CAPABILITY OF AIR FIELDS IN AREA TO SERVICE AIR DEFENSE AIRCRAFT. MAAG AIR FORCE SECTION IS ASSISTING IIAF WITH STUDY.
COMMENT: SHAH'S CONCERN AT ALLEGED SOVIET PROVISION OF THE LATEST MODEL FIGHT AIRCRAFT UNTOE TO AFGHANISTAN (REFTEL) APPARENTLY HEIGHTENED SINCE DAUD COUP. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY INFORMATION FROM ADDRESSEES THAT MIGHT HELP US PUT THIS MATTER IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE, IF OUR VIEWS ARE ASKED.

HECK
BT

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET
Classification